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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #8 - Mandatory Medical Examination (Separation Physical) and Mental Status Evaluation for Drug Offenses

1. Unit commanders under my special court-martial convening authority will immediately send all soldiers for a medical examination (separation physical) and mental status evaluation where there is probable cause to believe the soldier has committed an Article 112a, UCMJ drug offense. This includes, but is not limited to, wrongful possession, use, and distribution of controlled substances.
2. The above directive applies to all soldiers within my special court-martial convening authority, to include first-time drug offenders below the rank of sergeant.
3. The only authorized exceptions to this directive are:
 - a. if the soldier has already completed a medical examination and mental status evaluation within one year of the date of this memorandum;
 - b. a request to the unit commander to delay the medical examination and mental status evaluation by the Special Agent in Charge of the Schweinfurt CID office, Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Schweinfurt Law Center, or Trial Counsel of the Schweinfurt Law Center for further investigation of the drug offense.
4. I must personally approve any other delay or exception to the immediate starting of a medical examination and mental status evaluation.
5. This policy applies to drug offenses discovered on or after 15 December 2000, the date this policy was initially issued. This policy is not retroactive to drug offenses discovered before 15 December 2000. In addition, if the drug offense is discovered wholly as a result of a voluntary self-referral to ADAPCP, then this policy does not apply.


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